

FURTHER GAINS  
BY THE BRITISH

Lines Being Advanced at  
Different Points on  
the Front

GERMAN COUNTER  
ATTACKS REPULSED

Attempts Against French  
Lines Meet Usual Re-  
sult of Failure

London, Aug. 20.—German counter-attacks on the positions captured by the British yesterday morning southeast of Ephepy were completely repulsed after sharp fighting, according to the official statement. A successful raid was carried out last night south of Lens on the Ypres battle front and the British line has been advanced slightly southeast of St. Janshoek.

In the manoeuvre yesterday Field Marshal Haig's men succeeded in taking positions near Ephepy and inflicting heavy losses on the Germans.

Along the Aisne front and in the Verdun sector along the banks of the Meuse a continuation of the attempts by the German crown prince to break the French lines has met with the usual result—failure.

Berlin, via London, Aug. 20.—The war office announces that the French without fighting, have occupied the Talou ridge on the Verdun front, east of the Meuse. At all other places over a front of more than fourteen miles the fighting is in full swing. The general staff reports have given up by the Germans because this line of defense since last March had only been occupied by outposts. On the Rumanian front the forces of the central powers, the statement says, have driven back the Rumanians on both sides of Oituz valley and in the direction of the Trotus valley.

MONASTIR DESTROYED  
BY BULGARIAN FIRE

Two Thousand Shells Dropped Into City  
—Women and Children  
Flee.

Corfu, Aug. 20.—A quarter of the Serbian city of Monastir has been destroyed by fire caused by Bulgarian bombardment. The Serbian press bureau announces the number of victims is not ascertained. The statement says that on Saturday the Bulgarians bombarded the city more violently than ever, firing some two thousand shells. There was no reason for the bombardment as no fighting was in progress. The women and children, who fled in all directions, have been collected and taken to the rear.

FRENCH ATTACK ON  
THE VERDUN FRONT

Battle Has Developed to the Advantage  
of the French, on 11-Mile  
Front.

Paris, Aug. 20.—The French troops made an attack this morning on both banks of the Meuse on the Verdun front. Early information shows the battle has developed to the advantage of the French on a sector of 11 miles. Prisoners have already begun passing to the rear.

## I. W. W.'S ARRESTED

James Rowan, Secretary, and 26 Others  
Military Prisoners at Spokane.

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 19.—James Rowan, district secretary of the Industrial Workers of the World, and 26 other members of the organization were arrested at local I. W. W. headquarters here yesterday afternoon by a company of Idaho National Guardsmen and placed in the county jail as military prisoners. Rowan had ordered the general strike of I. W. W. labor in the northwest to begin today.

Strike orders advising farm workers to "let the fruit rot on the ground" and calling on construction workers to lay down their tools have been signed by Rowan.

A squad of guardsmen was left at the executive headquarters and another was stationed at the I. W. W. hall, and the latter arrested three other men who went to the hall later, and took them to the jail. Orders then were issued that no one should be permitted to enter the hall. None of the men arrested offered any resistance. The 23 prisoners were lined up in double columns, between files of the guardsmen, with fixed bayonets, and marched half a mile to the jail.

"You men are military prisoners, and are not detained under civil law," Major Wilkins told the men in the jail. "An investigation of your cases will be begun to-morrow, and if it is found that any of you are wrongfully held, you will be released."

Later Maj. Wilkins said the entire proceedings were under military orders, and that no charges had been placed against the men. A deputy United States marshal, who accompanied the soldiers, said so only to identify the men arrested, he said.

G. A. R. MEMBERS  
ARE MOBILIZING

The Fifty-First Annual Encampment  
Formally Opens in  
Boston.

Boston, Aug. 20.—The remnants of the Grand Army of the Republic began mobilizing here yesterday for their 51st annual encampment. Most of the delegations from a distance had arrived by nightfall, being greeted by clear skies and a refreshing west wind after their long ride. Among those already on hand are: Commander-in-Chief W. J. Patterson of Pittsburgh, Pa., Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief W. H. Wormstead of Kansas City, Mo., and other officials, as well as a delegation of 12 from Alaska and Washington, headed by Department Commander John J. See of Anacortes, Wash.

The encampment formally opened last evening with an impressive patriotic service in the New Old South church.

In the parade on Tuesday from 10,000 to 12,000 veterans are expected to be in line, as compared with the 40,000 who marched at the last national encampment here 13 years ago. There had been some talk of doing away with the parade because of the age of the veterans, but the men in the ranks would not listen to any such suggestion, saying this was no time for old soldiers to quit with the eyes of the new army upon them. School children will be massed in the line of march.

The business meetings of the G. A. R., the Woman's Relief Corps and Sons of Veterans will be held Wednesday. Up to the present, little opposition has developed to the candidacy of Col. Orlando A. A. Somers of Kokomo, Ind., for commander-in-chief of the Grand Army.

AIRCRAFT AGAIN RAID  
GERMANS IN BELGIUM

British Drop Tons of Bombs on German  
Military Establishments and Get  
One Enemy Aircraft.

London, Aug. 20.—The German military establishments in Belgium which have been attacked repeatedly of late by British airplanes were again raided Saturday night, the admiralty announces, and many tons of bombs were dropped. On their return the British fliers were attacked by hostile aircraft and one enemy machine was shot down. All British machines, the statement says, returned safely.

In the earlier fights in the air Saturday, the French airmen accounted for 17 German aircraft and the British fliers seven, which were destroyed or forced to land inside the Teutonic lines badly battered from machine-gun fire. Eight British machines failed to return to their base.

American aviators belonging to the Lafayette squadron took a prominent part in the French raids and performed notable execution. One of the Americans, Corp. Willis of Boston, was missing from the squadron when it returned to its base.

ITALY'S ANSWER TO POPE  
IS A NEW OFFENSIVE

Begin New Advance on Thirty-Five Mile  
Austrian Front—Austria Realizes  
Gravity of the Situation.

Rome, Aug. 20.—Commenting on the new Italian advance, the press says it is like the British attack in Flanders and will be of service if it demonstrates how the people and armies of the allied countries feel toward the premature peace proposals of Pope Benedict. It is said that Austria apparently realizes the gravity of the situation, as the announcement is made that Emperor Charles will soon visit the Austro-Italian front, presumably to encourage the troops.

The official Austrian statement yesterday said the Italians had begun an offensive on a 37-mile front from the region of Tolmino to a point near the Adriatic.

SAYS MUST HAVE  
FLANDERS COAST

General Von Liebert Declares That Ger-  
many Cannot Sign Peace Until  
Then.

Amsterdam, Aug. 20.—General Von Liebert in a speech at Rathenow, Prussia, is quoted by the Deutsche Tages Zeitung as saying:

"We cannot sign a peace before we have the Flanders coast, a colonial empire and maritime bases. Should we not realize this now we must prepare to work for it after the war in view of the next war."

Gen. Liebert's speech was loudly cheered by his hearers, but it was criticized by the German press. Vorwaerts declared:

"This may prolong the war until Germany has been so beaten that even our Pan-Germans cannot think of a 'next time.'"

LABOR WILL NOT ATTEND.

British Labor Party Votes Not to Be  
Represented at Stockholm.

Exmouth, Eng., Aug. 20.—The conference of the miners' federation of Great Britain to-day decided by a vote of 376 to 334 that the British labor party should not be represented at the international Socialist conference at Stockholm. This is a reversal of the previous decision of the miners' federation.

Limerick Bishop Dies.

STEAMER WAS  
BURNED AT DOCK

Christian Bors Damaged to  
Extent of Million  
Dollars

RECENTLY FROM  
BUENOS AYRES

British Steamship Baron  
Jedburgh Also Badly  
Damaged

New York, Aug. 20.—The Norwegian steamer Christian Bors was damaged to the extent of \$1,000,000 by fire to-day, while lying at her dock in South Brooklyn. The steamer arrived recently from Buenos Ayres and had about completed the discharging of her cargo of hides. The origin of the fire is undetermined. The British steamship Baron Jedburgh was also badly damaged by fire.

EXEMPTION BOARD MEN  
GET 2-YEAR SENTENCE

When Placed on Trial They Entered  
Plea of Guilty and Were  
Sentenced.

New York, Aug. 20.—Dr. S. J. Bernfeld and Louis I. Cherey, the indicted members of exemption board No. 99, to-day entered plea of guilty to a charge of conspiracy to obstruct the draft law when they were about to be placed on trial. They were sentenced to two years each in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta.

Kalman Gruber, who was a member of the board, but was indicted with them on the same charge, was elected to stand trial.

COSTS \$156.30  
FOR ONE SOLDIER

Figures Show What Outfit of an In-  
fantryman Costs Govern-  
ment.

Washington, Aug. 20.—It costs the United States just \$156.30 to equip an infantryman for service in France. Figures made public last night show that of this total outfiting represents \$101.21; fighting equipment, \$47.36, and eating utensils, \$7.73. The soldier's gas mask cost \$12, his steel helmet \$3 and his rifle \$19.50. The first 600,000 to 800,000 of America's fighting men will be equipped with the present Springfield army rifle, those to follow will carry the Enfield, used by English troops.

## SOLDIER DIES IN MOTOR MISHAP.

Private Warren W. Daley Killed at Lin-  
coln, Mass.

Lincoln, Mass., Aug. 20.—Private Warren K. Daley, 18 years old, of battery B, 1st field artillery, died yesterday morning as the result of an automobile accident on the Wayland road, South Lincoln, shortly after midnight. He was a passenger in an automobile owned by B. D. Blaisdell of 22 Windsor road, Brookline, and operated by Arthur J. Ward of the same address. The other passengers were Thomas Ryan of Free-man street, Auburndale; Edward Conroy of 24 Oris street, Auburndale, and Cornelius P. Lacey of 38 Bond street, Somerville, who was cut about the face by flying splinters of glass.

Ward, who was unfamiliar with the road, attempted to round a sudden bend and the machine skidded into a telephone pole. The impact threw Daley out of the automobile and fractured his skull. Joseph Cullen of Lexington avenue, Auburndale, who was passing, took Daley to the house of Daniel E. Sherman, where he died a few hours later.

Ward was arrested on a charge of manslaughter by the Lincoln police and released on \$2,500 bonds.

Daley is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin W. Daley of 138 Central street, Auburndale.

## BELMONT QUILTS NAVY LEAGUE.

Doesn't Approve of Row with Head of  
Navy in Time of War.

Washington, Aug. 20.—Perry Belmont last night resigned as a vice-president and director of the Navy league. In a letter to Robert M. Thompson, president of the organization, Mr. Belmont said:

"The good accomplished by the Navy league in the past is beyond question, but its present efforts are jeopardized by persistent disagreement with the official head of the navy, in time of war. Of this attitude I disapprove and therefore with regret, tender my resignation as one of the vice-presidents and directors of the league."

Because of what he denounced as false and libelous attacks upon him and upon the service, issued by the Navy league headquarters, Secretary Daniels announced that there could be no connection between the navy and the league as now managed and officered.

## MARRIED MEN AND DEPENDENTS.

President Has Taken Up Question of  
Their Exemption from Draft.

Washington, Aug. 20.—A new definite statement of the administration's interpretation of exemption of married men and those with dependents from the army draft is expected within the next few days. The president has taken up the question and probably will settle the problem himself.

FATHER DROPS DEAD,  
SON PLACED IN JAIL

Autopsy, However, Discloses That Hor-  
ace Carrier of New Haven Died  
of Natural Causes.

Middlebury, Aug. 20.—The sudden death Saturday morning of Horace Carrier, who lives at Huntington Falls, about three miles from this village, caused the taking into custody of his son, Joel Carrier, and the holding of an autopsy by Dr. B. H. Stone of the Vermont state laboratory, and several village physicians. The autopsy resulted in the announcement that Mr. Carrier had died of heart disease, but his son is still in jail and will probably have a hearing to-day to determine whether or not he is sane. Mr. Carrier, who was 67 years old, is survived by a wife, two daughters and three sons. The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the Congregational church in Weybridge and interment will be in the cemetery of that village.

There had been a dispute Friday morning and again Saturday morning between Horace Carrier and his son, Joel, who has at times shown signs of dementia. When Joel followed his father out to the barn Saturday morning, a daughter, Mrs. James Kenney of Rutland, went along, fearing trouble if the two were left alone. According to her story, her father was seized with an attack of heart trouble and she aided him to reach the house, where he died in a few minutes. The result of the autopsy seems to substantiate her statements.

MAY CALL SPECIAL  
GRAND JURY FOR WARM

State's Attorney McFeeters in Consulta-  
tion with Judge Z. S. Stanton  
About Hemmingway Murder.

St. Albans, Aug. 20.—Whether or not a special grand jury to consider the death of 14-year-old Jennie Hemmingway will be called before the September term of county court will be decided within the next 24 hours. State's Attorney W. R. McFeeters this afternoon was in consultation with Judge Z. S. Stanton, the presiding judge, with regard to the advisability of such a move, and Mr. McFeeters' action will be governed by the judge's attitude. Ordinarily there would be no consideration of a special grand jury with the regular term of court so near, but inasmuch as the state will wish to present as witnesses soldiers of the 18th U. S. cavalry stationed at Fort Ethan Allen and the uncertainty of army life, the state's attorney deemed it wise to call the situation to the attention of the attorney-general, H. G. Barber, who in turn instructed him to take up the matter with the judge.

Another development in the case is the request of Private Robert Warm, who is held as a material witness, that an attorney be assigned him. It is learned Warm was born in Germany, came here some years ago, and took the steps necessary to acquire citizenship. An investigation by State's Attorney McFeeters shows Warm's record in his home town not of the best, but nothing against him is found in his military record.

## BAIL JUMPER CAUGHT.

William Hudson Brought Back to Brat-  
tleboro from Baltimore.

Brattleboro, Aug. 20.—Deputy Sheriff C. I. Knapp of this town arrived at Newfane jail yesterday morning with William Hudson, colored, a former steward at the Vermont Wheel club rooms. About a month ago Hudson became involved in a county court case and was released under \$300 bail, his sureties being C. R. Crosby, Oscar Benson and William A. Shumway. He left the state and was located at his wife's home in Baltimore, Md., and Mr. Knapp was sent for him.

## BURLINGTON MAN KILLED.

Joseph H. Gumlaw, Yard Employee, Run  
Over by Railroad Switch Engine.

Burlington, Aug. 20.—Joseph H. Gumlaw was run over and killed by a switch engine in the Rutland railroad yard Saturday night. Both of the man's legs were cut off above the knees and he had a deep cut on the back of the head. It was the opinion of the health officer that the man had been dead about two hours before the body was discovered at midnight. No further explanation is given as to why the man was in the railroad yard at that time of the night.

The man was employed by the Horatio Hickok company. He leaves two sons and two daughters, all in Springfield, Mass.

## SPECIAL GRAND JURY CALLED.

Will Consider Murder of Eight-Year-Old  
Alice Bradshaw.

St. Johnsbury, Aug. 20.—Mrs. Alvah Kenerson, May Hicks and John Kerwin held for the murder of eight-year-old Alice Bradshaw on July 5, will appear before the grand jury of Caledonia county court Aug. 28. Judge Frank J. Fish will preside. This convening of the grand jury was decided upon at a conference between State's Attorney J. B. Campbell and Attorney-General H. G. Barber in Brattleboro last Friday.

## BARN BURNED AT SWANTON.

Struck by Lightning, Building and Con-  
tents Are Destroyed.

Swanton, Aug. 20.—One of the barns on the Oliver Phoenix farm on the middle Maquam road was struck by lightning and burned with its contents at about 3 o'clock this morning. There was about 100 tons of hay in the barn. The loss is estimated at about \$4,000, partially insured.

TO DOUBLE OR  
TREBLE OUTPUT

Secretary Daniels in Confer-  
ence with Ship and  
Engine Builders

ON CONSTRUCTION  
OF DESTROYERS

They Are the One Thing the  
Submarine Fears, Says  
the Secretary

Washington, Aug. 20.—The immediate expansion of the building facilities of the United States to double or treble the output of destroyers during the next eighteen months was the object of a conference to-day between Secretary Daniels and representatives of twenty-five or more ship and engine builders. If we get what we want, the secretary said, the United States will have more destroyers than any other power. They are the one thing the submarine fears.

The secretary indicated that all destroyers the builders could produce would be ordered, and every effort of the department will be bent upon speeding up a large number of contracts now pending. Secretary Daniels said no additional submarine chasers would be ordered at present. Chasers are valuable for harbor and inshore patrol work, but the destroyers are far superior for these duties and have in addition sea-going qualities which make them of far greater value in all ways than small chasers. No figures have ever been made public of the number of destroyers now building, Secretary Daniels said to-day, however, they represent the maximum capacity of the country, as builders and engine makers are now equipped.

1,300 MEN TO LEAVE  
FORT TO-MORROW

Ordered to Join 26th Division "Some-  
where"—Col. Thomas to Re-  
main at Fort Ethan Allen.

Burlington, Aug. 20.—Thirteen hundred officers and men of the 1st Vermont, formerly guardsmen, leave Fort Ethan Allen to-morrow to join the 26th division "somewhere." Orders came by special messenger to Col. Thomas yesterday. They will be divided into four district organizations, each in a separate branch of the service. A hundred and thirty men will be picked from each company. Col. Thomas will not accompany the detachment ordered away. No time is set to leave to-morrow.

## TROOP MOVEMENTS.

Railroads Prepare for the Transport of a  
Great Body of Men.

New York, Aug. 20.—Plans for the most important troop movement ever attempted in this country, involving the transportation of 687,000 men, are being perfected by the American Railway association at the request of the federal government, according to an announcement made here last night by Fairfax Harrison, chairman of the railroad's war board.

"The movement of troops from the various states to the army cantonments will start Sept. 5," said Mr. Harrison, "and between that date and Sept. 9, the railroads will complete the entrainment of 200,000 men."

"It is expected that a second movement of 200,000 men will begin Sept. 18, continuing for four days, and a third movement of the same size on Oct. 3."

"Some conception of the task which confronts the association in the preparation of schedules that will assure the prompt movement of these troops without interference with regular traffic may be gleaned from the fact that 6,229 men, made up in 366 trains, with as many locomotives and train crews, are required to move one field army of 80,000."

"The railroads have also been asked to supply transportation for 350,000 soldiers of the National Guard to their training camps. This has already been started and will continue in increasing volume until all have been moved."

## SPAULDING—CUTLER.

East Barre Young Woman Bride of Leba-  
non Marketman.

Bernard H. Spaulding and Miss Flossie M. Cutler were united in marriage Sunday morning at 6 Camp street, the home of the officiating clergyman, Rev. James Ramage. The single-ring ceremony was performed in the presence of the immediate family.

The bride, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Cutler, is a highly esteemed East Barre young woman, who was in the McAllister store for some time. The groom is engaged in the meat business in Lebanon, N. H. After a short wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Spaulding will reside in Lebanon. Their many friends wish them prosperity.

## BOTH WRISTS BROKEN.

James C. Ross Has Bad Fall at Sabin  
Farm Crossing.

James C. Ross, who rooms in the Quinlan block and is employed on the construction work at the Sabin farm crossing, fell Saturday and fractured both wrists and the bones in his left elbow. He was brought to the Barre City hospital for treatment.

CARL HEINRICH LOW  
TO BE INTERNED

Alien Enemy, Who Was Among First  
Called by Washington County  
Draft Board, to Be Taken  
to Oglethorpe, Ga.

Carl Heinrich Low, the alien enemy who has been confined in the Washington county jail in Montpelier the past few days, will be sent to Oglethorpe, Ga., where he will be interned by the United States government as he is not a proper person to be at large during the remainder of the war, it is learned.

Low, who is 28 years of age, was arrested in Barre by United States Marshal G. F. Lackey on the charge of being a German spy, and it is understood that his case has been fully investigated by William A. Hennessey, an officer detailed to thoroughly sift the matter for the federal government.

The prisoner came to this country in 1912, arriving at the port of Hoboken, N. J., then going to Brooklyn, where he has a brother, Christian Low, who is a pie baker, and who has been in this country over 20 years.

He is a painter by trade and has practiced his profession in studios in many of the large cities of this country. He has also worked on farms in different sections of the country.

When the war broke out, Low was in New Orleans. From that city he went to Baton Rouge, La. While in that section of the country he also did church decorating in other cities. He left Galveston for New York in May, 1916. While in New York the man worked for himself and others until March, 1917.

On May 13, 1917, Low arrived in Barre, in answer to an ad that had appeared in a German newspaper in New York City. Upon his arrival in Barre, he secured a position with Luitpold Nuisel, for whom he worked eight weeks and then worked five weeks independently.

Heinrich never saved money, but spent it as fast as he made it. He stated in Barre that he was a subject of Germany, that he had never made application for citizenship papers and that he never had any intention of taking out papers to become a citizen of this country. He said that he had come to this country for the purpose of personal knowledge and business and to study the conditions of the American people, and added that he wanted to stay two years, when he would depart for the other countries of the globe to secure his education, whence he would return to Germany and settle down to business.

All the property the man has consists of his clothing and a satchel, in which were his paints and brushes. These were in his rooming place in this city. He claims that he has had nothing to make bombs, neither does he intend to use explosives in this country or any other country.

The man claims that he never painted any pictures of Vermont forests or of the forests of any other state in the union. Further, he was sorry for what he had said against the United States government, and claims that he would never have uttered a word against this country had not a number of men in Barre been annoying him and accusing him of being a spy. This, he said, was the cause of his losing his head and saying the things which brought the authorities to bear upon him.

However, it is felt by the United States authorities that Low is a man that must be looked after by the government, and this is probably one of the reasons why he will be interned until the close of the war.

## MRS. J. EDWARD McNULTY.

Death Came Saturday After a Long Pe-  
riod of Illness.

The death of Mrs. J. Edward McNulty of 54 Maple avenue occurred at the state hospital in Waterbury Saturday afternoon, the end following a long period of failing health. Mrs. McNulty had been a patient in the hospital for some time. The body was brought to Barre and funeral services will be held Tuesday forenoon at 9 o'clock. Interment will be made in the Catholic cemetery on Beckley street. It is requested that flowers be omitted.

Mrs. McNulty was born in Ireland 41 years ago and came to America when quite young. Besides her husband, she leaves six children, Catherine, Evangeline, Sarsfield, William, James and Mary McNulty.

Surviving also are two sisters, Miss Margaret Kingston and Mrs. M. J. Carney of Montpelier, and William J. Kingston of Northfield.

## MRS. ALICE W. ALGER.

Death of Williamstown Young Woman  
Yesterday.

Mrs. Alice W. Alger, wife of Fred Alger of Williamstown, died at the City hospital last night, following the birth of a child. The latter lived but a few hours. Mrs. Alger leaves her husband, her mother, Mrs. T. C. Waldo, and her sister, Miss Edna Waldo, both of Williamstown. She was around 24 years old.

The body was taken to her home in Williamstown, although arrangements for the funeral have not yet been completed.

## NOW EXCEEDS \$800.

Latest Contribution Carries Company C  
Fund Over That Mark.

A contribution of \$25 for Company C fund, received to-day from the Barre Savings Bank & Trust Co. brings the total of contributions to date up to \$803.

## Barre Checker Players Won.

The Barre and Montpelier checker club defeated a team from the Vermont checker club at Brattleboro Saturday by a score of 40 to 20. It was an all-day session, the games starting in the morning and ending at 10 at night.

FIRE DESTROYS  
HOUSE AND BARN

Buildings of Mrs. Josephine  
Robertson on Thomas  
Street Burned

BARN WAS STRUCK  
BY LIGHTNING

Firemen Work Under Diffi-  
culties—Insurance of \$6,000  
on Buildings, Etc.

A fire entailing a loss of nearly \$6,000 occurred this morning when lightning struck a small barn on the premises of Mrs. Josephine Robertson on Thomas street. Because of insufficient water pressure the destruction of the barn was quickly followed by that of the house, a large two-story building. All of the furniture was saved, although the barn and house were completely destroyed. Mrs. Robertson carried insurance of \$1,000 on the furnishings and \$5,000 on the buildings, in the J. W. Dillon agency. Recently the woman refused an offer of \$10,000 for the property, which includes several acres of land.

All the city's fire fighting apparatus was called into play, although the precipitous side hill leading to the Robertson property presented difficulties which were hard to surmount in moving the trucks to the scene of the blaze. The alarm was sounded shortly before 8 o'clock, but in the meantime occupants of the house on Gallow avenue, tenanted by Zephirine Gokey, had noticed the blaze and the young son of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Rizzi of Cornhill street had discerned a thin column of smoke curling skyward from the barn. The lad telephoned to the fire station, but at the moment the call was received, the auto truck and a handful of regulars were investigating a still alarm turned in from Granite street. The blaze there started from crossed wires and was quickly extinguished. No sooner had the firemen returned to the station than they whisked the truck about and started for Thomas street. A few moments later a general alarm was sounded from box 143 at the corner of Blackwell and Center streets.

To negotiate the steep ascent leading toward the presidential flats on the hill west of the city, the auto truck, soon to be followed by the horse drawn apparatus, was headed up Blackwell street and thence along the brow of the hill to Thomas street. A double hitch was required to haul chemical combination No. 2 up the hill, the horses returning afterward for the hook and ladder truck.

When the firemen arrived the alarm had spread rather generally in the neighborhood of Thomas street. Mrs. Robertson was preparing breakfast and William Robertson, who called at the house, had entered the yard several moments before the occupants were aware that the barn was ablaze. Mrs. Sargent, who lived with Mrs. Robertson, was also unaware of the outbreak and no one among the tenants of the place heard the crash. Even occupants of the Gokey house were not certain that lightning struck the barn.

The roof of the stable building was burning fiercely when the first detail of firemen arrived. Apparently the lightning bolt had entered a small cupola which crowned the structure and ignited a quantity of hay in the loft. Scarcely seven feet separated the barn from the house and before long it was seen that the house was doomed. Two lines of hose were laid from a hydrant at the crest of the Blackwell street hill, but a pressure of only 30 pounds was registered at the hydrant, according to Supt. F. O. Lee of the water department, and the pressure was appreciably lessened before the water had been forced through a thousand feet of hose. The result was a feeble stream which scarcely reached the eaves of the house and progress of ineffective in combating the progress of the flames in the barn.

The chemical outfit and hand chemical were used effectively for a time, but when the supply gave out, the firemen resorted to buckets and did what they could to keep the blaze from communicating with the main building. The roof was sealed with ladders and wet blankets served for a time to protect the exposed side of the house. Although a heavy rain was falling at first, the moisture did little to head the progress of the flames and the barn burned rapidly. A train of chicken houses attached to the barn was quickly consumed and a number of valuable birds were lost.

At 8:30 o'clock it was plain that nothing could save the house and Chief Glad-ding directed his men to hurry the work of salvaging the furnishings. The fire having gained a hold on the west side of the house, and penetrated the shingles, huge columns of smoke billowing from the windows indicated that the attic was ablaze. Firemen equipped with Dräger smoke helmets had fought rather valiantly on the roof, but they were compelled to seek safety and thereafter all of the department's energy was diverted to the work of saving the household goods. There was ample time to remove the furnishings and the firemen, aided by bystanders, proceeded cautiously. Among the last of the furnishings to be removed were the piano and the kitchen range. While this phase of the firemen's work was in progress Mrs. Robertson became hysterical and could not be persuaded to leave the house. Even then the flames were creeping downward and the jeopardy in which she and her family were placed was increasing